

CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, GEORGIA

02-0-0468

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBERS FELICIA A. MOORE AND H. LAMAR WILLIS

AS SUBSTITUTED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SUNSET OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS, CONTRACT RENEWALS AND NOTICES TO PROCEED ON THE 91ST CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE DATE OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SAID RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES AND REAUTHORIZATION BY COUNCIL; REQUIRING LANGUAGE THAT SHALL BE ADDED TO ALL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES AND BID DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, it has been a practice in the city that contracts (contract renewals and notices to proceed) authorized by council are not being executed in a timely manner, and

Whereas, this practice has hampered the council's ability to fulfill its oversight role in tracking the authorization and execution of contracts; and

Whereas, this practice may allow previously authorized contracts to continue performing under their original agreements, after the council has authorized a new contract that is in the best interest of the city; and

Whereas, a delay in the execution of a contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) may cause harm to those who have been granted said authorization; and

Whereas, The council shall establish policy to provide for the timely execution of contracts that have been authorized.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That a new section be added to Division 4 Source Selection and Contract Formation to read:

"Section 2-1207 Contract Renewals and Notices to Proceed

1. All resolutions and ordinances authorizing contracts (contract renewals or notices to proceed) shall sunset on the 91st calendar day after the date of approval.



- a.) All contracts (contract renewals or notices to proceed) shall be executed, with all required signatures, on or before 90 calendar days from approval of the resolution or ordinance granting such authorization.
- b.) Any contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) executed after 90 calendar days from approval of the authorizing resolution or ordinance, shall require reauthorization by the Council.
- c.) The mayor or her/his designee may resubmit a contract (contract renewal or notice proceed) that has not been executed by the 90th calendar day from its approval, for reconsideration and reauthorization of council.
- d.) The mayor or her/his designee shall submit any contract modifications and justification as to the delay of the contract's (contract renewal or notice to proceed) execution to the council for consideration.
- e.) The council may reauthorize said contract, or take other appropriate action, on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. All resolutions and ordinances granting authorization to enter into a contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) shall contain a Section that states:

"This resolution (or ordinance) granting authorization to enter into a contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) shall sunset on the 91st calendar day after the date of approval. No contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) shall be executed after 90 calendar days from the approval of this resolution (ordinance). Any contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) that is executed after 90 calendar days from the approval of this resolution or (ordinance) shall require reauthorization by the Council."

3. The purchasing agent shall include in all bid documents and request for qualification and proposals, the following language:

"The council shall grant authorization to enter into a contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed). The resolution or ordinance granting said authorization shall sunset on the 91st calendar day after its approval. No contract (contract renewal or notice to proceed) shall be executed after 90 calendar days from the approval of the authorizing resolution or ordinance. Any contract (or notice to proceed) executed more than 90 calendar days from the approval of said resolution or ordinance, shall require reauthorization by the Council."

Section 2: That the present 2-1207 and subsequent sections shall be re-numbered accordingly.

Section 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict, are hereby repealed.

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March 26, 2002



Council President Cathy Woolard Members of the Atlanta City Council City Hall 2nd Floor Suite 2900 55 Trinity Avenue, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Dear President Woolard and Members of Council:

On March 18, 2002 the Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance # **02-O-0468** that proposes to require the sunset of all resolutions and ordinances authorizing contracts, contract renewals, and notices to proceed on the 91st day after the date of approval.

The Law Department has advised me that Ordinance # 02-O-0468 as adopted, may create major legal difficulties for the City of Atlanta. A selected/notified contractor may have strong legal recourse against the City if the unexecuted contract is voided on the 91st day after approval.

Ordinance # 02-O-0469, as adopted, proposes to require the Purchasing Agent to develop a complete list of all contracts that have expired, no later than 90 days from date of approval. Furthermore, Section 3.in this legislation indicates that all contracts expired more than 60 calendar days from the approval of # 02-O-0469 shall be re-bid.

While the timetables required by these ordinances are unattainable at this time, I will provide the City Council with a list of expired contracts, by departments, along with a corrective action plan By May 1, 2002. Forcing immediate implementation may interrupt vital services to the public.

I urge you to award the contract (Resolution #02-R-0498) to Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates for the purpose of conducting a thorough review and redesign of the entire procurement process and to guide us forward in a comprehensive manner.

Based on these factors, and my commitment to work with the City Council to redesign government operations, specifically the procurement process, I urge you to sustain my vetoes of Ordinances # 02-O-0468 and # 02-O-0469.

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